



Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

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PART 3

ASSESSING THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS

Assessing adults

19 Duty to assess the needs of an adult for care and support

- (1) Where it appears to a local authority that an adult may have needs for care and support, the authority must assess—
 - (a) whether the adult does have needs for care and support, and
 - (b) if the adult does, what those needs are.
- (2) The duty under subsection (1) applies in relation to—
 - (a) an adult who is ordinarily resident in the authority's area, and
 - (b) any other adult who is within the authority's area.
- (3) The duty under subsection (1) applies regardless of the local authority's view of—
 - (a) the level of the adult's needs for care and support, or
 - (b) the level of the adult's financial resources.
- (4) In carrying out a needs assessment under this section, the local authority must—
 - (a) seek to identify the outcomes that the adult wishes to achieve in day to day life,
 - (b) assess whether, and if so, to what extent, the provision of—
 - (i) care and support,
 - (ii) preventative services, or
 - (iii) information, advice or assistance,could contribute to the achievement of those outcomes or otherwise meet needs identified by the assessment, and

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- (c) assess whether, and if so, to what extent, other matters could contribute to the achievement of those outcomes or otherwise meet those needs.
- (5) A local authority, in carrying out a needs assessment under this section, must involve—
 - (a) the adult, and
 - (b) where feasible, any carer that the adult has.
- (6) The nature of the needs assessment required by this section is one that the local authority considers proportionate in the circumstances, subject to any requirement in regulations under section 30.